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BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Frederic N. Smalkin
United States District Court
for the District of Maryland
3rd Floor, Room 310
101 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: Chao v. Mid-Atlantic Installation Services, Incorporated, et al.
Civil Action No.: S-97-4238

Dear Judge Smalkin:

On August 29, 2000, the Court ordered the Clerk of the Court to tax costs in the above-referenced matter but to stay payment of those costs until such time as a mandate issues from the Fourth Circuit affirming the Court's grant of summary judgment in favor of Defendants. On August 24, 2001, the Fourth Circuit issued a mandate on its judgment of July 2, 2001 affirming the Court's grant of summary judgment. Accordingly, Defendants Mid-Atlantic Installation Services, Incorporated and M/A Telecommunications, Inc. respectfully request that the Court direct the Clerk to tax costs and order payment thereof at this time.

Defendants thank the Court for its attention to and consideration of this matter. Please feel free to call the undersigned should there be any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Madam Clerk:
Please tax costs, as requested.

Douglas M. Topolski

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